

The Range Rider

A WELCOME TO SCS TRANSFEREES

I, personally, want to welcome into the Grazing Service those of you who are being transferred from the Soil Conservation Service, under the provisions of Reorganization Plan IV, to help us with the job of soil and water conservation on public lands of western United States. I want you to know that I speak for everyone in the Grazing Service when I say that we are glad to have you in the Grazing Service family and want you to feel that you are a part of it. I am looking forward to the time when I can meet and get acquainted with each and every one of you.

I am not unfamiliar with the difficulty attached to stepping into a new organization where the work is handled a little differently—where the faces you see around you are strange—where everything is different. I know you will need a little time to get acquainted with your new job and the folks around you, but I am confident that you'll like us and will want to stay with us as much as we want you to.

The task of making proper adjustments and distributions will be a little complex and time-consuming. We know you'll be patient and cooperative.

R. H. Rutledge
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Director of Grazing.

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IMAGINE THAT!

Bud Molohon's address before the Utah Association of the Deaf at Salt Lake City, about which we told you in the September 13 issue of the Range Rider, was delivered in sign language—we've just learned! Reversing the usual procedure, an interpreter was on hand to put into words what Bud was telling his audience through signs!

IDAHO GRAZING SERVICE EXHIBIT WINS PRIZE AT STATE FAIR

With a ceiling of sagebrush over their heads and the outline of familiar Big Butte in the background, over 15,000 people paused to view the Grazing Service exhibit at the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot, Idaho, September 16 to 21. Around the exhibit booth were models of truck trails, drift fences, water holes, reservoirs with wildlife enclosures, spring developments, and stock watering troughs—range improvements constructed by the Grazing Service. The exhibit presented a clear picture of what the Grazing Service is doing toward the rehabilitation of range lands of western United States and the stabilization of the livestock industry. The exhibit won first prize!

At Western Idaho Fair, too

A few weeks prior to the Eastern Idaho exhibit, an exhibit built around Grazing Service efforts to prevent range fires was on display at the Western Idaho State Fair, at Boise, where over 30,000 visitors learned of our work. Here also were models of range improvements and an exhibit of equipment and maps used in fighting range and timber fires. In the background was a large banner with the words, "Prevent Range Fires—Your Land—Your Loss."

Included in both exhibits were panels describing the models, maps, tabulations of livestock and licenses and photographs of general range activities. Visitors were cordially welcomed by a Grazing Service representative and given descriptive pamphlets and folders.

And Not Overlooking the New Mexico Region

....that had panel exhibits at the New Mexico State Fair at Albuquerque, showing range improvement work undertaken in the Southwest and typical range scenes in New Mexico. One panel which attracted considerable interest contained copies of early brand records dating back as far as 1890. Many of these old brands are still in use.

New Mexico district offices are being furnished duplicates of these panel exhibits for county fairs and other local gatherings.

These exhibits pay big dividends in acquainting the public with our work and our goal and the fellows who put in so much time and effort in originating and assembling them are entitled to a big vote of appreciation.

This being the season of State and county fairs, we are sure other regions have been able to arrange similar exhibits. We shall be glad to hear about them.

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Somebody has tagged Director Rutledge the "Paul Bunyan of Herdsmen"--quite an appropriate nickname, after all, since he looks after a pasture containing something like 142,000,000 acres of land--and that's quite a pasture!

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NEW EMPLOYEES

The Washington office staff has added several new employees recently including Miss Dorothy Day, formerly of the Soil Conservation Service, and Mr. Roby Read, who replaces Tommy Thompson. Miss Elsie Malchano will also be with us for a while. ...and then, we are glad to see the smiling face of Garth Poulson around the office. Garth is here from the Utah region to help with some extra work in the equipment section.

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THE BOSS REPORTS

The Washington office "ganged" up on Director Rutledge a few days ago to hear about his recent field trip. The Director told about the people whom he had seen and visited with, including Governors of some of the "grazing States, legislators, and a lot of real range people." We got the feeling he enjoyed his visits with the folks at home--on-the-range more than any others and we learned how much he values their friendship and appreciates their confidence.

Mr. Rutledge had occasion to visit the graziers' meeting, near Price, Utah, shortly before his return and reports the fellows thoroughly engrossed in their study there, and very enthusiastic about the meeting as a means of keeping up with advanced thought in the Service.

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RABBIT DRIVES

.....at camp G-116, Utah made the news in The Utah Trail recently. These drives, customarily reserved for winter and deep snow, were undertaken during the summer because drought conditions had forced jackrabbits from wide stretches of desert lands to the green fields of isolated ranches, completely ruining crops in some instances. Superintendent McCarty opened a series of drives after constructing corrals and wings, with the assistance of ranchers in the district and a large group of enrollees. Frank Hatch, rodent control foreman, reports that a reduction of several thousand of these pests has brought expressions of gratitude from the people in the vicinity.

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SAFETY HONOR ROLL

Below are listed those camps which have maintained an accident-free record for ten consecutive months or more. This list has been growing steadily for the last few months and we are proud of the record it reflects.

G-97, KIMAMA, RUPERT, IDAHO 20 MONTHS

G-72, Bridger, Bridger, Montana 19 months

G-19, Delmue, Pioche, Nevada. 17 months

G-68, Frederick Butte, Brothers, Oregon 17 months

G-35, Milford, Milford, Utah. 12 months

G-65, Massadona, Skull Creek, Colorado. . . . 12 months

G-128, Mason Valley, Yerington, Nevada. . . . 11 months

G-137, Solomonville, Safford, Arizona 11 months

G-154, Simpson Springs, Vernon, Utah. 10 months

G-119, Hawthorne, Hawthorne, Nevada 10 months

G-152, Bear Creek, Prineville, Oregon 10 months

G-136, Duncan, Duncan, Arizona. 10 months

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MEET THE FELLOWS WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY!

Albert Ash, G-174, New Mexico, for Leadership in Cooking and Baking

Lester Bridges, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Truck and Tractor Care and Operation

Leonard Bryant, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency as Truck Driver and Tractor and Bulldozer Operator

Oliver Burke, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Clerical and General Office Work

Elias Casarez, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Truck and Tractor Care and Operation

Earnest R. Collins, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency in Auto Mechanics

Arturo Diaz, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Truck and Tractor Care and Operation

John Fellers, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Truck and Tractor Care and Operation

Joe Fernandez, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Clerical and General Office Work

Pete Hurst, G-174, New Mexico, for Leadership and Proficiency in Truck and Tractor Care and Operation

Wilford J. Keenom, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency as Tractor and Bulldozer Operator

Percy Lannom, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency as Foreman

Raymond Merrick, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency as Warehouse Clerk and in the Care and Maintenance of Tools

Joe W. Murray, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency as Tractor and Bulldozer Operator

Austin Smith, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Truck and Tractor Care and Operation

Virgil F. Smith, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency as Tractor and Bulldozer Operator

Doyle A. Stansbury, G-11, Colorado, for Proficiency in Clerical and General Office Work

Morales Thompson, G-11, Colorado, for Leadership in Rodent Control Work

Euel Wood, G-174, New Mexico, for Proficiency in Truck and Tractor Care and Operation